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We are releasing this statement momentarily in the interest of transparency. Please call me with questions! MM

“To meet our legal obligations under Superfund, we must modify our timeline for delivering our Proposed Plan for Portland Harbor. We expect it will take us another three weeks to meet those requirements. As we draw nearer to release, we will alert everyone to our new issue date for the plan.

Prior to issuing the Proposed Plan, EPA must prepare an extensive “Administrative Record” and make it electronically available. This Record is required in order to give the public access to all of the background information they need when reviewing and commenting on the Proposed Plan. This will be the largest Superfund Administrative Record being made available online and doing so is presenting software challenges.

We recognize that this schedule change poses a challenge for everyone who is patiently waiting to review and provide comments on our proposal. Please be assured that we are working tirelessly to meet all requirements and present our best work and the strongest plan to the greater Portland community. We remain committed to delivering a signed Record of Decision in 2016.

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